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Judge Timothy A. Langford

Langford participates in Circuit Judge's Fall College

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 30, 2013 – Circuit Court Judge Circuit Court Judge Timothy A. Langford, who represents Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton and Hickman counties, participated in the 2013 Circuit Judges Fall College that took place Nov. 18-20 in Lexington. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the judicial education program for the state's circuit judges. The judges received updates on case law and legislation and attended sessions on court technology, bail, e-discovery, and court interpreting for individuals who are deaf or non-English-speaking. The judges also heard from Chief

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Local Weather

Wed 1/8 38/30

Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 30s.

Thu 1/9 38/32

Light rain and ice. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 30s.

Fri 1/10 49/44

Occasional showers possible. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 40s.

Sat 1/11 52/38

Showers possible. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sun 1/12 49/42

Few showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s.

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Clinton to purchase snow plow

DANIEL RICHARDSON

City streets will be a little less icy when the next winter storm comes to town, due to the Clinton City Council's decision to purchase a snow plow attachment for the street department's truck.

"I think this is a big step toward safety on our streets," Councilman Ivan Potter said after City Administrator Allen Poole mentioned that the necessary attachment could be acquired by the city for around $6,000, including installation. After a brief discussion about the prolonged impassable condition of city streets after the early December winter storm, the council voted unanimously to move forward with the purchase during their Monday night meeting at city hall.

During the meeting, the council also passed its first resolution of the year: Resolution 2014-01-01, which authorizes the mayor and city clerk to execute an easement on a property on Angular Street for "construction and permanent easements for addressing drainage issues."

This is the first of several steps that the city will have to take to address the storm drainage and flooding problems that have plagued parts of Clinton for the past several months. The city council will hold a workshop on Tuesday, January 14 at 6 p.m. with engineer and consultant Rod Martin to plan for future actions to take on flooding problems in the city.

2013 Year in Review

Downtown building collapses

Historical Society forced to move

JENNIFER NUCKOLLS

2013 was a difficult year for the Hickman County Historical and Genealogical Society. After nearly a year's passing since their building on Clinton's north court square collapsed, the organization is very close to re-opening its doors in its new home.

And yet, with renovations nearing completion in another historic court square building, the historical society is optimistic about their possibilities in 2014.

It was February 11, 2013, when the 150-year-old home of the Historical Society came crashing down on the corner of West Clay Street and Jefferson Street. With nearly 100,000 records, books, maps and other historical documents at risk and with rainstorms imminent, the community came together and salvaged as much as possible. On Friday, February 15, a demolition team led by Jimmy Lemons tore

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RUBBLE - Historical Society president Ivan Potter looks at the collapsed building on the corner of Clay and Jefferson streets that once housed the Hickman County Historical and Geneological Society.

Grain bin comes crashing down

Bystanders gather to observe the mountain of grain that stood beside Highway 51 after the 600,000 bushel bin at Burgess Brothers' Grain Co. collapsed.

DANIEL RICHARDSON

Three inches of rain came down in sheets for more than two hours on Saturday afternoon, January 12, 2013. During the storm, one of the area's most recognizable agricultural landmarks blew apart.

Half a mile past Greg's Supermarket and the Clinton city limits, on the major north-south highway, a mountain of corn spewed out of the twisted metal that was once Burgess Brothers' newest storage bin.

According to Scott Smith of the Hickman County Office of Emergency Management, the grain bin contained 575,000 bushels of corn, weighing 32 million pounds.

Corn in the bin would fill 575

SEE **GRAIN BIN,** PAGE 7

Danny Carr began working full-time as a school security officer for Hickman County Schools in early March.

Carr hired as security officer for HC schools

The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on December 14, 2012, shook the nation to its core.

The actions taken by Adam Lanza in Newtown, Conn., cut so much deeper because of the youth and innocence of the 20 children among the 26 people murdered.

Local officials did not hesitate in taking action to protect Hickman County students from any similar

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2013 Year in Review

County officials, extension agents relocate to new spaces in 2013

Hickman County officials and Cooperative Extension agents spent most of 2013 renovating buildings in preparation for moving around to new homes.

The whirlwind process relocated several offices and fixed several space-related problems for three sets of community agencies and government services.

In mid-2012, county officials, both the county clerk and judge executive, were fast running out of space in the courthouse, and Cooperative Extension agents were bulging at the seams in their court square offices.

Both agencies were working independently on solutions to their space problems. The Extension Board had purchased land for $20,000 with the intent to build, and the Hickman County Fiscal Court had already offered the Extension Board $50,000 for their existing building, formerly Dr. Titsworth's medical clinic.

Then an option came up to provide ample space for all and save everyone money.

On August 9, Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt presented an idea to the Extension Board. He explained that in 1978, federal and state grants allocated through the fiscal court funded the construction of a recreation building located on school grounds, between Hickman County High School and the softball field.

Due to grant stipulations, the fiscal court leased the land on which the building stood for 50 years (the lease ends in 2027). Pruitt's proposal was that the Extension Board move into the recreation building, his own office and that of the county treasurer move into the current Extension building, and the county clerk's office move into the existing judge executive and treasurer's office suite in the courthouse.

RIBBON CUTTING - The Hickman County Cooperative Extension Office celebrated their new building at 329 James H. Phillips Drive on October 1 with an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony. Hickman County Extension is staffed by Melissa Goodman, Family and Consumer Sciences; Paula McCuiston, 4-H Youth Development; Cynthia Larkins, Staff assistant; and Lisa Adams, SNAP Education Nutrition Assistant. The position of Agriculture Natural Resources agent was vacant at the time of the ribbon cutting but Mattea Lock took on the role on January 1, 2012. The Hickman County Extension District Board includes Beverly Hopkins, president; Denise McWhorter, vice president; Debbie Workman, secretery; Lynn Ann Jones, Treasurer; and members Rhonda Savage, Brad Latham, and Paul Stahr. The Hickman County Extension Committee is chaired by Vicki McIntire and includes Rita Ann Deweese, Ashley Workman, and Beverly Hopkins.

Over the next few weeks, the Extension Board building committee, chaired by VickiMcIntire, established plans with a budget of $250,000 to renovate the recreation building and began negotiating a 40-year lease with the Hickman County Board of Education.

The renovated building would house four agents' offices, an industrial kitchen, and a community meeting room capable of seating 75 people. In September, the fiscal court agreed to buy the Extension building for $43,000. In October, the school board, Extension board, and fiscal court signed a 40-year lease agreement to allow the Extension board to begin construction.

Work on the new Extension building forced employees to stay in their downtown location until March, when they moved into the yet-to-be-completed recreation building, with the understanding that they would have to work several months in a construction site.

In the meantime, Judge Pruitt and Hickman County yreasurer Carol Malugin moved into rented office space in the Utilities, Inc. building so that renovations could begin on the soon-to-be offices of the Hickman County Clerk in the courthouse. During this time in the temporary location, Nancy Pruitt retired as Deputy Judge Executive and Dawn Mathis was hired to fill the role.

In early February 2013, County Clerk Jimbo Berry and his staff were first to occupy their newly renovated offices.

Renovation of the Extension building for the judge executive and treasurer's offices had Pruitt, Mathis, and Malugin spending the summer in their rented space before they moved into their new office on September 11.

On October 1, 2013, the UK Cooperative Extension Office held its grand opening and ribbon cutting event, signifying the end of the 14-month process of relocating three sets of officials into newly renovated and more spacious properties that better meet their needs as they serve county residents.

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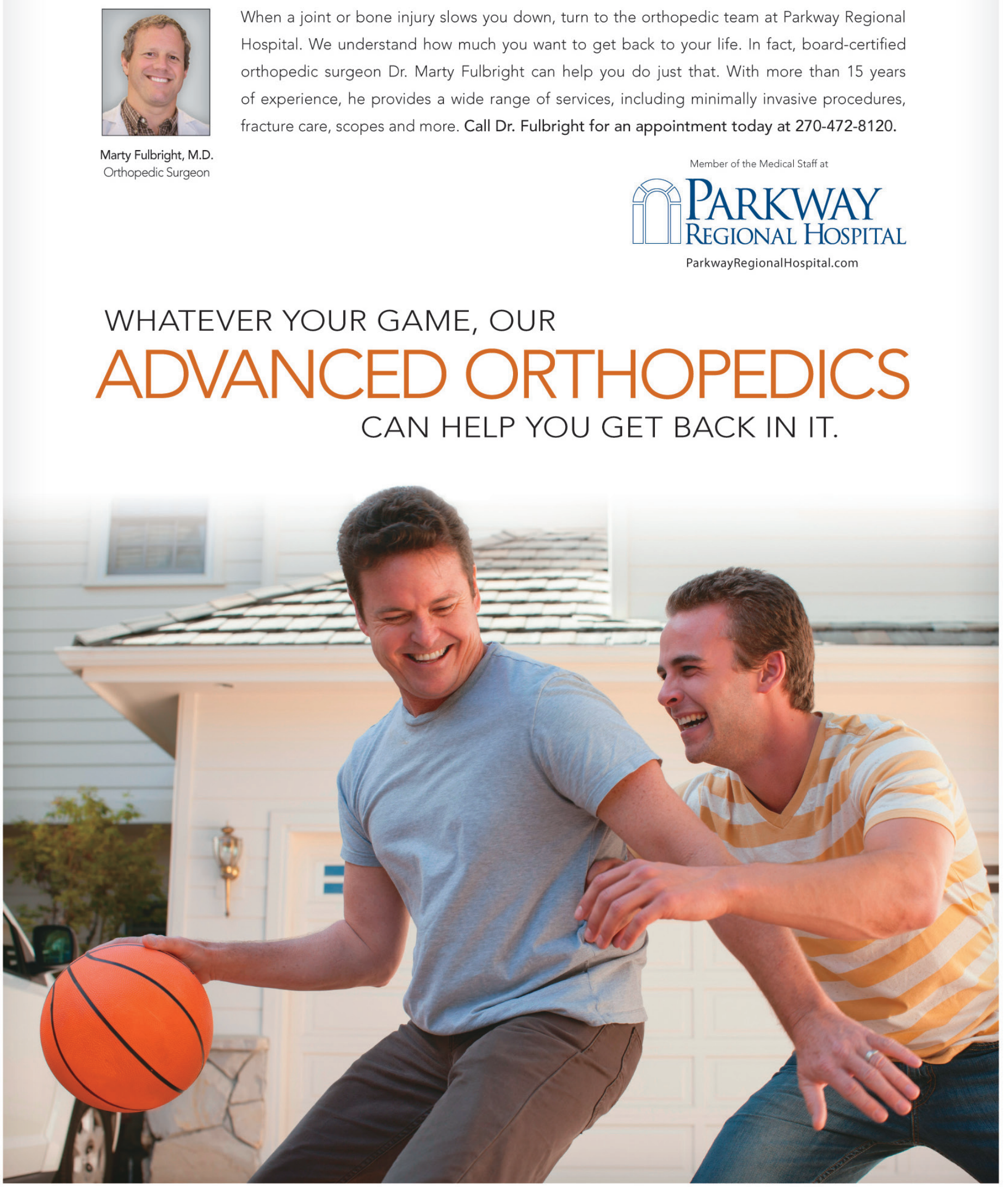
Langford From Pg. 1

Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. about trends in the state court system. "While justice remains as the core of what we do, certain aspects of being a judge have changed since many of us took office," said Jefferson Family Court Judge Stephen M. George, who was elected president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association at the college. "Today, the makeup of our citizenry is different, technology is part of everyday life and we're operating under a budget crisis. These factors affect the way judges carry out our duties, and it's important that we use the resources that are available to us to help us better serve the public." Circuit judges also had the opportunity to attend courses about problem-solving courts such as Veterans Treatment Courts and Drug Court, substance abuse issues, search and seizure, tax delinquency, and bankruptcy's effect on state court rulings. Another session focused on a judge's responsibilities in appointing counsel for defendants and in considering waivers of counsel from defendants who want to represent themselves. Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction that hears civil matters involving more than $5,000, capital offenses and felonies, divorces, adoptions, termination of parental rights, land dispute title cases and contested probate cases. The college also offered sessions specifically for Family Court judges about child traumatic stress and recent federal legislation on child abuse and neglect and children in foster care. Family Court is a division of Circuit Court. In counties that have a Family Court, the court has primary jurisdiction in cases involving family issues, including divorces, adoption, child support, domestic violence and juvenile status offenses. The college included 18.75 hours of continuing education credit for the circuit judges.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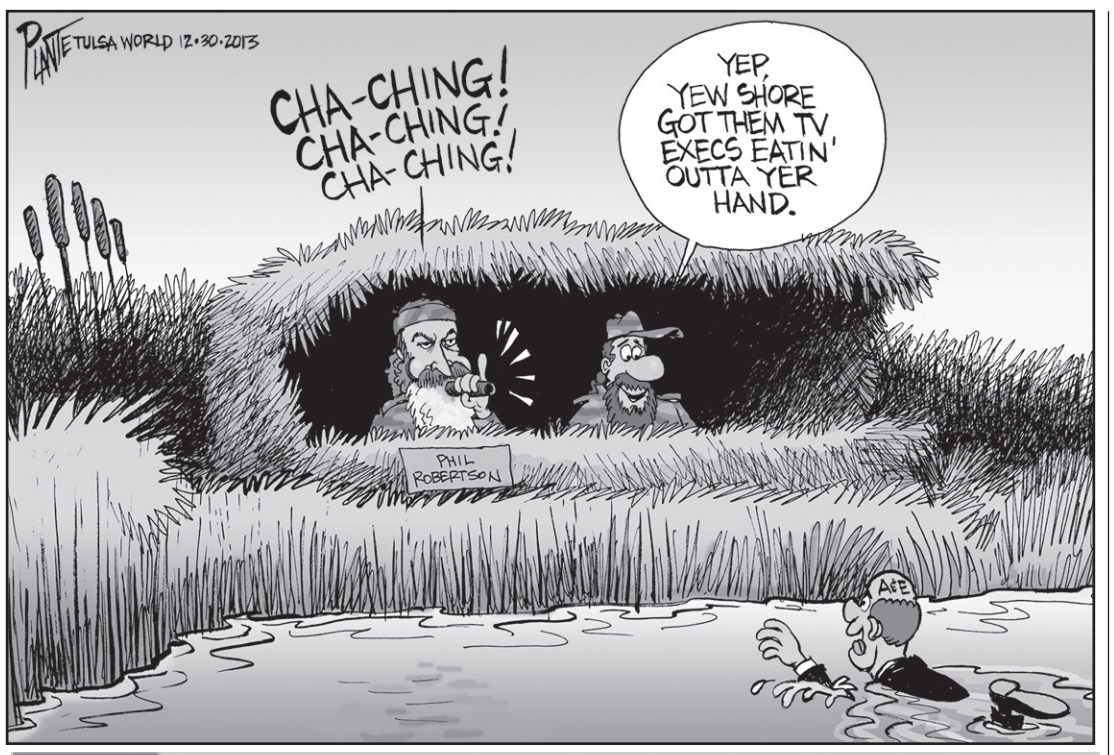
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My View

By Dennis Richardson

Happy 2014

Welcome to the first newspaper of 2014. It will be tough getting used to writing 2014. I wrote 2012 for a month after 2013 got here. Actually it doesn't seem THAT long since Y2K, for those that remember that historic moment in time. Computers didn't crash (at least ours didn't) and no major catastrophe happened worth noting.

As we look ahead to 2014 we see that it is time again for elections to those offices that are on four-year term. Also, the congressional midterms. Look to this newspaper for election news as candidates announce and the election dates near.

What will 2014 bring? World peace? Probably not. Perfection of Obamacare? Probably not. An end of terrorism? Probably not. An improvement in the economy? Who knows? A college football national champion from outside the SEC? Maybe. Maybe not. It will be interesting to see if Florida State can upend Auburn. It seems a twist of fate that an SEC team is in it again after FSU and Ohio State were having such a good year and ranked 1 and 2 after Auburn beat Alabama.

I like watching the bigger college bowl games … and there have been plenty this week and next.

Many folks will have made New Year's Resolutions. Popular ones are to lose weight, work out more, change some bad habit, eat better, visit more, spend less money and make more money.

Losing weight and exercising more are on my list, along with travelling to some place I have never been, find a hot air balloon to go up in, and spending some more time with the grand kids.

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There's stuff to do

Cory Ramsey
Gazette Correspondent

I've been asked to come up with a list of such things around the Purchase Area (and a little beyond). As a play on the year's number, I've selected 14 items to put on your docket. If you get all of these, let me know, and I'll come up with 14 more.

Note, number 14 will be kind of a generic "catch-all" for you to pretty much do everything.

1. **Ride the River.** The Hickman-Dorena Ferry docks in Hickman when the conditions allow, which is pretty much all year with a few exceptions. Riding the river is unmatched in charm. And seeing Hickman from the Mississippi River is a perspective that brings chills. It's how the former generations rolled into town.

2. **It's Our Fault.** Used to be you just hopped a boat and headed on down the river to New Madrid. Just barely 20 miles from Hickman, but when is the last time you went there, if ever? It's a small river town that has plenty to do in a day trip, including museums, eateries, and an overlook of the river you had to cross to get there. Plus you get to stand on the New Madrid Fault line.

3. **Lambert's.** While you're in Missouri, go on over to Lambert's and catch a roll or several in Sikeston. Open since the 1940s, and ragtime piano is still played live at lunchtime. More food on a plate than you could possibly eat. A must.

4. **Harper's Ham.** Well, while we're on food, get back across the river into Kentucky and go on up to Clinton. Harper's Ham is good. Just good. Plus the big hog rump on the billboard fronting Highway 51 is worthy of Instagram.

5. **Food.** Hmmm. I promise just two more about food. Go to Pilot Oak and have BBQ with a Beaver Trapper at Southern Red's. Get ready for a wild time and great food. Plus several (um, several) great places to have Q in the area. If you get this paper in August, Fancy Farm Picnic…

6. **Patti's**. It doesn't even need a paragraph. Ask your friend.

7. **Stroll Downtown Paducah.** Everybody goes to the mall. But when's the last time you parked the car by the Ohio River and walked around Lower Town? It's more than just quilts. Paducah has it going on down there. It's a time machine in a good way.

8. **One word: Eyebrow.** Plop out a map and visit the offbeat places around. Monkey's Eyebrow? Possum Trot? Cuba? Oscar? New York? Yep. Fun photo ops within a gas tank or two.

9. **Kentucky Bend.** Tourists drive from all over Kentucky to visit the part of the Commonwealth one has to go through Tennessee to get to. A classic been there, done that.

10. **Drive the Great River Road.** Again, tourists from America take this road from Minnesota all the way down to the Gulf. And a portion runs through small-town Kentucky right here, from Wickliffe to Sassafras Ridge.

11. **Sunset, especially in Columbus at the State Park.** Best place to see a sunset in Kentucky? Certainly one of the best overlooks I've ever seen. Let the kiddies play on the steam shovels in the sand pit. I've been doing it for 30 years.

12. **State Parks need loving, BTW.** Six State Parks and LBL bless the area with get-away opportunities that don't require an airline ticket. An overnight stay just 45 minutes from home? Trust me, you'll feel like you've gone farther.

13. **Discovery Park of America.** This place deserves a list all its own. It belongs in Washington with the Smithsonian Museums. The attention to detail in Union City, Tennessee, is at another level. It's a blessing to America, in the backyard.

14. **Here's that catch-all drawer.** Read this paper, then put it down and get in your vehicle. Visit every Dot in your county. Stop in a country store and get a Moon Pie and an RC (well, I'm really sponsored by Ale-8). See where you are from a different back road. You'll find out that there's more out there to do than you thought.

Happy New Year, reader.

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Community News

Area Obituaries

Ruth Carter

Ruth Byassee Carter, born December 12, 1925, in Carlisle County to the late Walter and Lois Byassee, died at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

She graduated from Carlisle County High School. She was employed with the Paducah Board of Education for ten years where many children grew to love her as their school bus driver. She was one of the first drivers hired when the Paducah Area Transit System was originated. She made countless friends while driving the transit bus and trolley, and was affectionately known as "Mrs. Ruth". She retired at the age of 77 after serving for 20 years as an accident free driver. Two and a half years before her retirement a trolley was named "Mrs. Ruth" in honor of her faithful years of service. She was a member of Columbus Baptist Church. She was also a charter member of Eureka Baptist Church in West Paducah where she played the piano and taught Sunday school.

Surviving is her son, Rev. F. Wayne (Beverly) Carter of Kevil, Ky.; two daughters, Debra (Rick) Ruskey of St. Louis Mo., and Vera (Bruce) Cunningham of Columbus Ky.; eight grandchildren, Matt (Melanie) Carter, Stephen (Natalie) Carter, and Aaron Carter and his fiancé Dakota Talley, all of Paducah; Alicia Ruskey, Joe Ruskey and Emily Ruskey, all of St. Louis Mo; Ethan Cunningham and Noah Cunningham, both of Columbus; Two great- grandchildren, Emily Carter and Jessica Wyatt of Paducah; great-great-granddaughter Kaitlyn Wyatt; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother James Turner Byassee.

A celebration of Ruth's life was at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Paducah. Matt Carter and Rev. Max Cooper officiated, with burial in Cunningham Memorial Cemetery.

Contributions can be made to Columbus Baptist Church, PO Box 38, Columbus KY, 42032, Clinton ICF. 366 S. Washington St., Clinton KY 42031, or Gideon's International, PO Box 10, Kevil KY 42003.

Bob Kelly

Robert G. "Bob" Kelly, 92, of Owensboro, formerly of Hawesville died Monday December 23, 2013 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital.

He was born in Hickman County, Ky. on January 27, 1921 to the late Arthur and Latisha Johnson Kelly. He was a member at Blackford Baptist Church where he was song leader for Thirty years, retired from General Electric and a U S Army Air Force veteran of WW II.

Survivors include his wife Mary Brown Kelly; a son Robert G. (Sharon) Kelly, Jr. of Lewisport; two grandsons Byron Kelly and Michael Kelly; three great- granddaughters and a great-great-grandson and a great-great-granddaughter that will be arriving any day.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nell Kelly; one daughter, Rita Kelly; and three brothers, J.C.. Edwin and Jesse Kelly

Services were held at 1 pm, Thursday, Dec. 26, at Blackford Baptist Church with burial in Blackford Baptist Church Cemetery.

Gibson and Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Bruer

Virginia Bruer, 79, of Columbus, Ky., died at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 at Countryside Health Care in Bardwell.

She was a homemaker and a member of Obion Baptist Church in Columbus, where she served as the Primary Class Sunday School teacher and church custodian for many years.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia Merriman of St. Elmo, Ill, Connie Ellegood of Mayfield, Ky. and Regina Dowdy of Clinton; three sons, Donnie Bruer and Ronnie Bruer, both of Columbus and Rev. Gaylon Bruer of Arlington; three sisters, Glennes Cheatham of Melber, Ky. LaWanda Long of Dawson Springs, Ky. and Betty Holder of Benton, Ky.; two brothers, Walter Blanton Evans of Bardwell and Roberts Evans of LaCenter, Ky.; 21 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Harold Bruer; two daughters, LaDonna Watson and Janie Hogancamp; one son, Kenneth Bruer; two sisters and one brother. Her parents were Walter and Stella Trevathan Evans.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Arlington. Rev. Herbert Stephens officiated, with burial in Zion Cemetery in Columbus.

Mary Jackson

Mary F. Jackson, 60, of Columbus, Ky. died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield.

She was a faithful member of New Harmony Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Chester Jackson; one son, Lee (Tiffany) Jackson of Columbus; one daughter, Karen (Terry) Anderson of Clarksville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Justin and Julie Jackson of Columbus and Joshua and Jared Anderson of Clarksville; three sisters, Betty (Gerry) Allen of Arlington, Ky., Sue Adams of Florida and Jean Trapp of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; and three brothers, Rowland Jones of Bardwell and Eugene (Loretta) Jones and Jesse (Glenda) Jones, both of Arlington.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Jones and Blanton Jones. Her parents were Charlie C. & Lillie Mae Jones.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 at New Harmony Baptist Church. Rev. David Gossum officiated, with burial in Columbus Cemetery.

Brown Funeral Home in Clinton was in charge of arrangements.

Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District will meet January 14

The Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District, Board of Directors, will meet Tuesday Morning, Jan. 14 at 7:30 A.M., in the USDA Service Center, Conference Room, Clinton.

The public is invited to attend.

The Wilderness Voice

By Pastor Tom Hoskins

YOU DOING OK? People ask, "How are you doing?" I usually reply, "OK." But, I may not be. Why burden someone else who may not be having a bright day or worse than myself?" David Roper says, "I used to think life was mostly green pastures with an occasional dark valley, but now I realize it's the other way around. There are days of joy, but much of life is a vale of tears. Every year confirms my belief that life is difficult and demanding. Any other view of life is escapist."

Looking back at the past year and many behind, I can say, 'Amen' to brother Roper. The valleys seem to get closer and the hills farther away. Many believe to be in the will of God is to have money, health, comfort, top notch kids, a fine house and pleasant vacations, but it doesn't work quite like that. God's way is often through pain, suffering and darkness, doubts and despair. It is the valley that tries and tests us, and in the end strengthens us, drawing us closer to God. Though we may seem alone at times, He is always there. "Though I walk through the valley, Thou art with me…" (Psalm 23:4).

So, regardless of how we feel as we travel this road of life with its twists and turns, bumps and grinds, we are really OK if we know the One who walks the dark valleys.

You Doing OK?

Senior Chatter

By Wendy

Happy 2014 everyone! I am looking forward to getting back to the normal routine following the holidays.

We have been closed several times due to weather and it has put a damper on my spirit. I hope each and every one of you will come in and enjoy a hot meal with us this month. We like to socialize around here in case you didn't already know that! Also, please come in and take advantage of our exercise room or our Wii. During the winter months it is sometimes hard to get motivated to stay healthy. But, if you come see us I am certain we can motivate you! As always donations are a blessing to us.

A few upcoming announcements: On January 14 at 11 a.m. Jamie Smith will be speaking on Skin Cancer Awareness. Also on that day Sams Club will be here hosting a Health Fair. We would like to encourage you to stop by. There will be door prizes available.

We will not be having a Potato Day this month instead will be having a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on January 16 beginning at 7 a.m. More info to come next week.

Menu as follows:

Wednesday Jan 8
Swiss steak, wild rice, carrots, roll, strawberries and milk.

Thursday Jan 9
Chicken dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, baked apples and milk.

Friday Jan 10
Salmon patties, rigatoni and tomatoes, broccoli, roll, pudding and milk.

Monday Jan 13
Thick and juicy steak, mashed pot/gravy, spinach salad, ambrosia and milk.

Tuesday Jan 14
Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, broccoli, angel food cake and milk.

RILEY-Thank you to everyone for your prayers, visits at home and in the hospital during Buddy's illness and passing. Thank you for the flowers, food and cards.
Again thank you Bro. David Gossum and Frank McClure.
Buddy was husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.
He was loved so much and will be greatly missed.
The Buddy Riley family

Remembering those we lost in 2013

JANUARY

Estelle Curlin – 87 yrs - -Jan. 1
Zellia Stone –9 1 yrs. - Jan. 5
Megnon Franzago – 88 yrs. - Jan. 7
Eunice McCracken – 66 yrs. - Jan. 6
Matt Walker –46 yrs. - Jan. 9
Judy Wilson – 79 yrs. - Jan. 9
Bobby Ray, Jr. 51 yrs, – Jan. 7
Carolyn Burkett – 57 yrs. - Jan. 6
Swayne Cole – 81 yrs. - Jan. 12
Jewell Myatt – 88yrs. – Jan. 15
Roger Lewis Jr. - 61 – Jan. 17
Charlie Hamlin – 85 – Jan. 22
Linda Allison – 61 – Jan. 21

FEBRUARY

Michael Rose – 61 – Feb. 2
Marilyn McIlwain – 84- Feb. 6
Elvis Bugg – 92-Feb. 7
Dorothy Solomon – 91- Feb. 8
Dorothy James – 81 – Feb. 10
Thomas Guhy – 86 – Feb. 12
E. Louise Barnt Ditto – 88 – Feb. 17
Ina Sue Edrington – 90 – Feb. 17
Billy Barnes – 55 – Feb. 22
John Jr. Hancock, – 75– Feb. 26
Zenaida Hewitt - 81 – Feb. 26

MARCH

Nana Letanosky – 72 – March 1
John McAlister – 76 – March 2
Marlene Goetz – 59 – March 1
Mary Rummel – 91 – March 3
J.L. Humphreys – 89 – March 12
Betty Cash – 83 – March 15
Kathleen Ellegood – 86 – March 16
Justin James – 33 – March 19
Paul Koerner – 97 – March 23
Charles Bell – 82 – March 24
Skippy Pickard – 65 – March 21
Ryan Marlow – 20 – March 27

APRIL

Thelma Morris – 88 – April 1
Dr. Shelton Ownes – 87 – April 4
Brenda Lane – 66 – April 5
Leita Brown – 100 – April 9
Douglas Sumner – 43 – April 16
George Mountjoy – 73 – April 17
Corinne Deweese – 77 – April 22

MAY

Thomas Webb – 86 – May 9
Billy Atwill – 78 – May 10
Larry Hutchison – 54 – May16
J.T, King – 89 – May 16
Becky Bryan – 90 – May 21
William McClure – 81 – May 22
Robert Cox – 81 – May 24
Sylvia Ward – 87 – May 27
Peggy Jane Patterson – 75 – May 27
Virginia Holsapple – 92 – May 27
Eugene Hollingsworth – 84 – May 29
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Time for college-bound seniors to fill out the FAFSA

High school seniors planning to attend college or technical school this fall should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA, as soon as possible, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The information on the FAFSA determines if students qualify for federal and state grants and for federal student loans. Also, many colleges use the information to award grants and scholarships administered by the school. Therefore, students should submit the FAFSA even if they feel it is unlikely they will qualify for aid.

The FAFSA asks for information about income, assets and expenses. A formula set by Congress determines eligibility for federal and state aid. If the student is considered a dependent under federal guidelines, both the student and parents must provide financial information. Nearly all students going directly to college from high school are considered dependent.

Some student aid programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified students, so it is important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

For fastest results, KHEAA recommends that students submit the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

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Second Monday:

• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.

• **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

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• **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month

• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.

• **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.

• **The Hickman County Fiscal Court** will meet on Monday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

• **The Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District, Board of Directors,** will meet Tuesday Morning, Jan. 14 at 7:30 A.M., in the USDA Service Center, Conference Room, Clinton.

The public is invited to attend.

YOU DID IT AGAIN!

For the 18th year in a row, Hickman County folks have rallied to the bells and kettles. They are "retired" now till next Thanksgiving-Christmas time, with over $3,000 received through your generosity. Any still wishing to send a check in the next few days may make it to "The Salvation Army" and mail it to Alma Blair, POBx 281, Clinton 42031. Eighty per cent of what is received in this annual drive stays here in the county, administered by the Hickman County Service Unit; 20% goes around the world for the varied ministries of The Salvation Army. Thanks to all who gave.

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What If Your Car Gets Totaled?

By Jason Alderman

Each year, auto insurance companies declare millions of vehicles to be "totaled," meaning it's not worth the cost to repair them. It doesn't matter whether the car was damaged in a collision, during a flood or after a thief's joyride went bad.

It's hard to argue with such an assessment if your car was wrapped around a telephone pole or the gas tank exploded. But what if the damage was more cosmetic, such as major dents on the roof and hood from a hailstorm?

A vehicle is considered a total loss if the insurance company determines that the total cost to repair your car to pre-accident condition, plus fees for storage, salvage and a replacement rental car (if included in your policy), is more than a certain percentage of car's retail value. Insurers set their own allowable percentage, within state-mandated guidelines (typically around 60 to 75 percent), and use their own formulas to determine a car's value and estimated repair costs.

Thus, if your $4,500-valued 2002 Honda Civic sustains $1,800 worth of damage – moderate bodywork and repainting these days – it might be deemed totaled, even though the engine still runs fine. On the other hand, a late-model Mercedes could sustain far greater damage and still be considered salvageable.

What's worse, if the accident was your fault, or you must otherwise tap your own insurance (e.g., it was caused by an uninsured driver), you would only receive that $4,500 minus your deductible. Good luck finding a comparable car for that amount.

Other big losers when a car is totaled are people still paying off their auto loan. Since the lender technically owns the car, they'll get first crack at any insurance payment; and you'll still be responsible for paying off the loan balance.

As a preventative measure, you may want to purchase gap insurance if you owe more than the car's retail value – or if you rolled past debt into the new car loan. It will pay the outstanding loan balance if your car is totaled or stolen. Most insurers will let you add gap insurance at any time.

Here are a few additional points you should know about when and why a car is declared totaled, and precautions you can take ahead of time to lessen the impact:

• Make sure the insurance appraisal includes the value of all extra features and aftermarket accessories, like heated seats, custom wheels or an upgraded audio system.

• Be prepared to show documentation of any major repairs or upgrades you made that might boost the car's value – say you recently replaced the engine or bought new tires.

• Do your own research. Use independent pricing sites like Kelly Blue Book or Edmunds to determine your car's worth, factoring in its mileage, added features and overall condition before the accident.

• If your estimate is far off from the proposed settlement, ask whether your policy includes the right to hire your own appraiser for a second opinion. Most states have a procedure for settling such disputes. Understand, however, that no matter the arbitration outcome, you'll still have to pay your appraiser, and likely, a portion of arbitration costs.

• Make sure the insurer's totaled car value includes estimated sales tax to replace the car, as well as registration and title costs, since you wouldn't have incurred these costs if you didn't need to replace the car.

Let's hope your car is never totaled, but it pays to know in advance what to do if it is.

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JUMP SHOT - Hickman County Falcon Austin Bailey puts up a jump shot during Friday night's home loss against Obion County. (Photo by Jessica Cooley)

No-Count Dog travels through western Kentucky

No-Count Dog is traveling throughout western Kentucky as local author Mary Potter and illustrator Jennifer Nuckolls read their book of a hound dog that goes from a pet to a hero during a flood.

Potter and Nuckolls published No-Count Dog in mid-November. Since then, they have sold nearly 100 copies of the children's picture book. Schools throughout the region have become interested in book-signings and reading events for elementary students.

This month so far, the ladies will be reading to Central Elementary in Graves County on Friday, January 10th and will be at the Hickman County Elementary School in Clinton all day on January 15. Teachers will be sending a letter home with the Hickman County students in advance to inform parents about the event.

Potter and Nuckolls look forward to reading to the students and sharing their success story. A new No-Count Dog book will be in the making within the next month or so. Potter hopes to have a series of stories, each with different life lessons to benefit young children.

Mary Potter and Jennifer Nuckolls read No-Count Dog to students.

For more information on the book or book-signings and readings, contact Mary Potter's Law Office at 653-3312 or email editor@westkyjournal.com. No-Count Dog is also available for purchase on Amazon.com.

The ladies would like to thank their family and friends along with the community for all their support and for making their first of many published books a great success.

Carr From Pg. 1

threat. Standard security procedures were already in place at Hickman County High School and Hickman County Elementary School, and after the December tragedy, it became apparent the existing standards weren't enough.

Hickman County students witnessed an immediate increase in law enforcement presence at the schools as Hickman County Sheriff Mark Green and Clinton Police Chief Snapper Seaton made it a priority to spend a considerable amount of time at the schools each day.

During the Hickman County Fiscal Court's first meeting of the year on January 11, magistrates discussed assisting the Hickman County Board of Education in hiring a school security officer.

The school board met in special session on February 7 and decided to hire a Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) to work full-time in the schools. The board of education and the fiscal court split the estimated cost of $45,000 per year to create and fill that position.

On February 26, Danny Carr was sworn in by Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt to serve as Special Law Enforcement Officer in the schools. Carr completed the necessary training and certification and began working full-time in early March.

Carr brought with him 19-1/2 years of law enforcement experience, having served as a police officer for the Union City Police Department immediately prior to the new position. He also has a background in working with children as a church staff member.

Grain Bin From Pg. 1

tractor-trailer loads with the season's shelled corn. Market value of the spilled crop was estimated to be almost $4.2 million according to www.quotecorn.com.

Ricky Burgess was in a truck onsite and escaped from his cab as a wall of corn engulfed his truck. The trailer was destroyed, and the cab turned over. There were, amazingly, no injuries.

Kentucky Highway 51 South was closed by the overflow. Crews quickly arrived on the scene and front loaders were put to work clearing the highway.

"Every emergency department in the county responded to the collapse," Smith said. After ensuring that no one was seriously injured, first-responders contacted Kentucky Utilities and New Commonwealth Natural Gas to guarantee that the utilities were cut off, and the clean-up began.

Smith reported that by 5:30 p.m., Hwy. 51 was re-opened to traffic.

Tommy Roberts, Hickman County magistrate and owner of Roberts Crop Insurance, said, "The important thing is that nobody was killed or hurt. As long as no one is hurt, everything (else) can be repaired."

Over the course of the next couple weeks, three vacuum trucks from Iowa-based West Side Salvage removed the corn from the heaping mountain, one tractor-trailer load at a time. Dozens of trucks left the site each day, carrying about 900 bushels per load.

The trucks hauled the salvaged corn to poultry producers Pilgrim's Pride in Mayfield and Tyson Foods Inc. in Union City, Tenn., who graciously accepted their pre-ordered corn ahead of schedule.

After clean-up was complete, Burgess Brothers built another 600,000 bushel grain bin in its place, and added an additional bin later in the year.

Collapse From Pg. 1

down the remains of the historical building.

According to Historical and Genealogical Society president Ivan Potter, almost 90 percent of the documents were saved. The city provided temporary storage space inside the Clinton maintenance building just down the street from where the society's destroyed building. For months, society members gathered weekly at the maintenance building to sort through each item, clearing away debris.

After months of searching for a new home, the historical society entered a contract agreement of purchase with the Hickman County Farm Bureau for its building located on the east side of the court square. The official date of transfer of ownership was July 19, 2013.

Since the purchase of its new home, the organization has been busy moving office supplies and reorganizing all the materials that chronicle the history of Hickman County. Weather conditions and contractor issues have slowed down the refurbishing of the new location.

Potter tells sources that the new office has great potential. "We have knocked out a wall to interface with customers, to make it easier for them to use the computers and tables. It will be a good place to research data and family histories.

"We plan to have a gift shop in the front of the building devoted to historical items and books all about Hickman County and the Jackson Purchase area. We intend to anchor the eastern part of downtown Clinton as a showcase for tourism. We want to display and preserve the history in which our region originated," he said.

Potter predicts that the Historical Society will have its grand opening in mid-February, marking one year since the demolition of its former home. Once the society is back in business, their goal is to start a 2014 campaign of historical education, involving both the county and the region.

The organization hopes to unite senior citizens and the youth of Hickman County in a series of common historical projects.

At the turn of the year, lacking only a small amount of painting, a new awning and outside sign, the Hickman County Historical Society will soon be back, promoting the cultural heritage of downtown Clinton and the entire area of the county.

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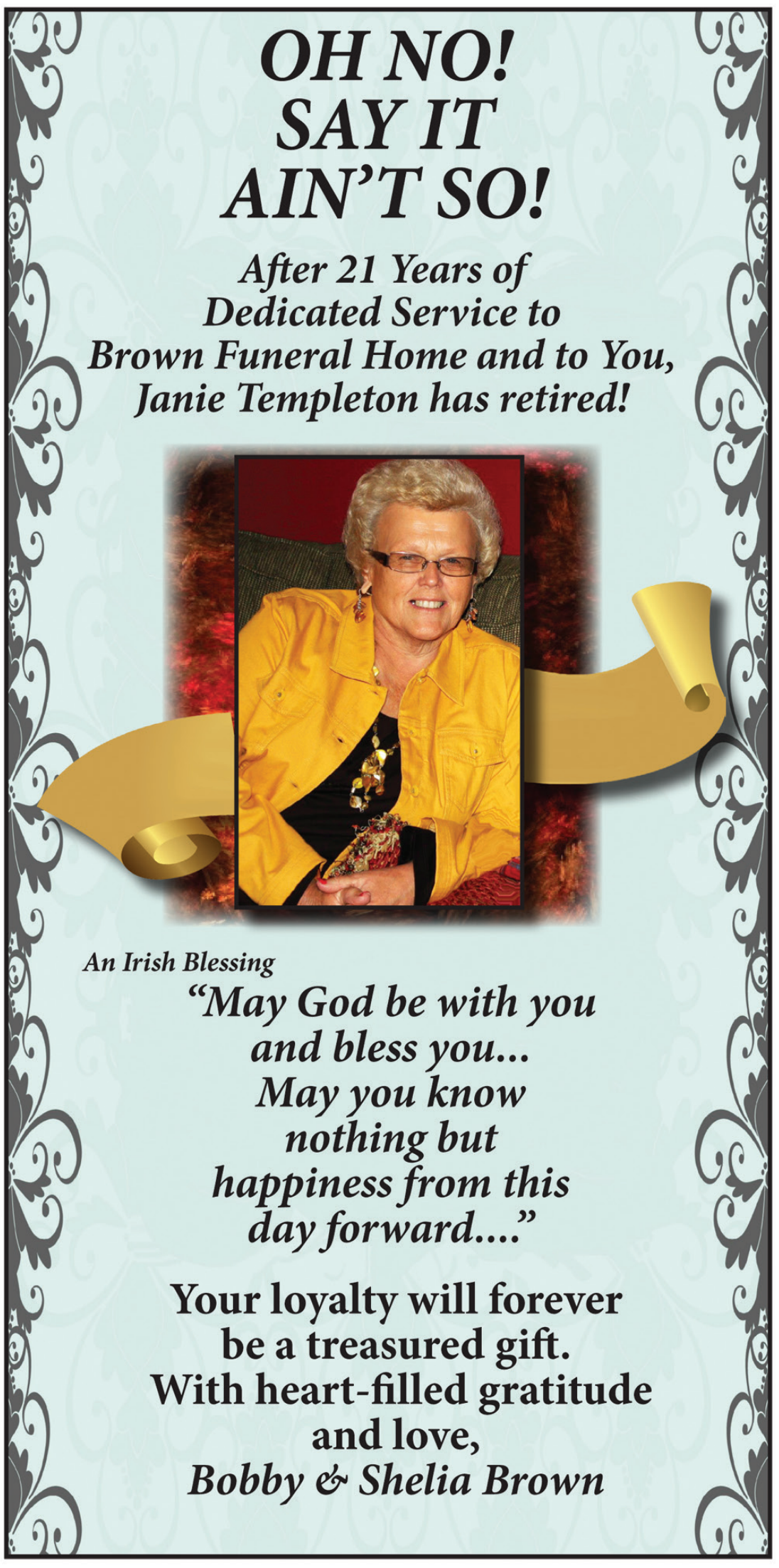

Granite sign placed on courthouse lawn

Daniel Richardson

After more than six months of waiting, Hickman Countians received an impressive new sign on the courthouse lawn on Monday, April 8. While the sign was originally planned to be in place in time for the Christmas Parade on Dec. 1, a short strike in Las Angeles, Calif. by the International Longshoreman and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and a soggy courthouse lawn delayed the project for several months.

In their September 2012 meeting, the Hickman County Fiscal Court approved the purchase of a sign to adorn the courthouse lawn. At that meeting, Corey Sawyers, of Greenfield Monument Works of Greenfield, Tenn., addressed the court with several options that could be pursued as far as the details of the sign. Sawyers showed the magistrates several different examples of signs that could be constructed for the courthouse, one being priced as high as $13,000. The fiscal court decided on a monument that is eight feet wide and will stand just over five feet tall. The cost of this sign, including installation, was $9,000.

At the March 11 meeting of the fiscal court, it was announced that the sign was complete and in storage at Greenfield Monument Works, and that it would be installed as soon at the ground dried up.

Mike Maness, co-owner of Greenfield Monument Works, noted that Robert Tarver, of Hickman County, was instrumental in the completion of the sign. Tarver introduced the fiscal court to Greenfield Monument Works when they began to look for a sign for the courthouse, and accompanied Sawyers at the September meeting.

IN PLACE - After a strike on the west coast held the stonework for the Hickman County Courthouse sign in California for weeks, and damp weather prevented installation for months, the 8 ft. by 5 ft., 6,200 lb. sign is now in place on the east side of the courthouse in Clinton. Above, Stan Manus (right), co-owner of Greenfield Monument Works, and Dan Rainey guide the sign into place as it is slowly lowered by a crane. The Hickman County Fiscal Court agreed to purchase the sign during their September 2012 meeting, and hoped that it would be in place by Christmas. Robert Tarver, Hickman County resident who works with Greenfield Monument Works, introduced the company to the fiscal court and worked as a catalyst throughout the process.

PACKING THE DIRT - Hickman County Ambassador Darrell Sims helps Winky Anderson pack dirt around one of the plantings put in place at Blair Street Park.

Local initiative beautifies Blair Street Park

CHERRY PYRON

Blair Street Park looks different today than it did early in 2013.

The difference is because of the vision of the county and city when they cooperated to build and maintain the park.

The difference is because of the perseverance and commitment of Howard and Mr. Willie 15 years back during long grass-growing summers.

The difference is because of the dream of a diverse group of Hickman Countians eager to promote well-being.

The difference is because of a strong spirit given new life and energy as many people met and talked, gathered and worked to change the park's landscape.

The difference is a step in a new, yet old, direction that promises to bring greater unity and understanding in Hickman County. To help us remember that equal opportunity, justice, and the integrity of every individual are tenets upon which our community is built and upon which it will prosper.

Larisha and Kierra, Tori Lynn and Maddie, Carl and Kenin, Hannah and Shamarion, Charlie and Alexis, Dylan, Kyleigh, and Tevin, Richli and Shaneika, Milo and Traylon, Kameron and Kyla, Zach and Kenzee are beautiful reminders of why those differences at Blair Street Park are so essential.

These are some of the children who have played and will continue to play at Blair Street Park, to enjoy the shrubs and trees added to the grounds, the new and refurbished play equipment, the upgraded and better-equipped basketball court.

These are the reasons community projects such as these are so essential, the reasons we look back at year's end to see how – and if – we're making progress.

Blair Street Park is no longer a neighborhood park for the northwest part of Clinton. Blair Street Park is a sign of progress in our community, of governments working together, of churches uniting to bring in God's kingdom, of people from all areas coming together to claim the equal opportunity, the justice, the individual integrity that must be paramount if the quality of life in Hickman County is to continue to improve.

Thanks to Kelly and Cherry, Neal and Ann, Johnie and Shay, Gaye and Daniel, Frances and Teressa, Eugene and Phyllis, Marion and Melissa, for the differences you've helped make in 2013 at Blair Street Park and the ones yet to come.

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